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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 12-2016  
Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

The City of Rockville Planning Commission convened in regular session in the  
Mayor and Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

**PRESENT**

Don Hadley, Acting Chair  
Anne Goodman Gail Sherman  
David Hill John Tyner, II  
Jack Leiderman

**Present:** Andrew Gunning, Deputy Director  
Cynthia Walters, Deputy City Attorney  
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning  
Deane Mellander, Zoning Administrator

Given the absence of Chairman Littlefield, Commissioner Hill moved to have Commissioner Hadley serve as Chair for the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tyner. The motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Leiderman, to bring back Zoning Text Amendment TXT2016-00244, tabled by the Commission on May 11. The motion passed 6-0.

**I. RECOMMENDATION**

Zoning Text Amendment TXT2016-00244, further consideration (tabled by the Commission on May 11, 2016), to allow the installation of small cell wireless antennas in all zones with a limitation on antenna size and with a minimum height of 15 feet. Verizon, dba Cellco, applicant.

Deane Mellander presented the amendment and reminded the Commission about the direction provided during the previous meeting. He addressed the items identified in the public comments submitted by the West End Citizens' Association.

During public testimony, Nadia Azumi spoke on behalf of the West End Citizens' Association, expressing concern about the amendment.

The applicant, represented by attorney Greg Diamond, discussed the amendment and indicated they are mostly in support of staff's recommendation, except for the recommended panel size for the macro antennas. The applicant would like them to be 8.5 feet. He and Michael Weiland, with Verizon, answered questions from the Commission.

During further public testimony, Diane Kilcoin with Woodley Gardens, expressed concern about the amendment, expressing that more residential protection is necessary.

Lee Afflerbach, a consultant to City with CTC Technology, addressed the Commission and answered questions about the technology, capacity and configuration needs.

After extensive discussion by the Commission, Commissioner Leiderman moved, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to work out several items regarding the placement of microcell antennas in residential areas, and bring the proposed amendment back for consideration. The standards to be included for residential zones were described by Commissioner Hill as follows:

- (1) a smaller size for antennas at around 2 feet x 3 feet;
- (2) a depth of no greater than the height or width for equipment mounted on a pole;
- (3) a minimum height of 25 feet if the structure it is mounted on allows it, otherwise it should be a height limit of 20 feet;
- (4) establish a cubic foot limit for the equipment cabinet, possibly in the range of 3 feet x 3 feet x 2 feet deep, for 18 cubic feet total;
- (5) a provision that equipment cabinets be placed near the ground, roof or base of the structure within several feet; and
- (6) for proximity, that a spacing standard be considered, i.e., that antennas should be spaced 100 feet apart.

## **II. Commission Items**

**A. Staff Liaison Report** – Mr. Gunning updated the Commission on the next meeting agenda, recent activities with the master plan update, and other items.

**B. Old Business** – Commissioner Hill moved, seconded by Commissioner Leiderman, to send the draft letter, with revisions, regarding the APFS transportation test exemption for senior housing, to the Mayor and Council. The motion passed, 6-0.

**C. New Business**

**D. Minutes:**

April 14, 2016 minutes – Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sherman, to approve the minutes. The motion passed by 5-0-1 (Commissioner Goodman abstained).

April 27, 2016 minutes – Commissioner Tyner moved, seconded by Commissioner Goodman, to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Commissioner Leiderman abstained).

**E. FYI Correspondence** - none

## **III. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrew Gunning, Commission Liaison